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NEW CONFERENCE MINISTER



Kiku and Terry Kawata

By unanimous vote the Conference Assembly approved the recommendation of the Search Committee and the Executive Board, and elected the Rev. Teruo Kawata as the new Conference Minister of the Central Pacific Conference. He will assume his duties on September I, 1976. He and his wife Kiku attended the Salem meeting and the delegates had the opportunity to meet them personally.

Mr. Kawata comes to Oregon after six years with the National staff of the United Church of Christ Office for Church Life and Leadership and its predecessor the Council for Lay Life and Work. As Field Secretary for the Western Region, his office is in San Francisco. The focus of his work has been on leadership training and program development, consultation with Conference staffs and boards, and assisting local congregations in program and organization development and conflict management.

He and his wife are natives of California. They have three grown children. His experience includes pastorates in California and Hawaii, and staff work with the Hawaii UCC Conference. He received his professional education at the University of Chicago, Ottawa University, Kansas, and Chicago University Divinity School. He is presently engaged in advanced theological studies at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California.

The Selection Committee reviewed the dossiers of sixty persons and personally interviewed a number of candidates before making their recommendation. The membership of the committee included:

Lincoln Reed, Chairperson; Sam Harbison, Medford; Charles Hinkle, Clackamas; William Jackson, Boise, Wright; Ed Johns, St. Andrew's, Portland; Ken Kinnear, Wilsonville; Sylvia Love, Cedar Hills; Miriam Maier, Lake Oswego; Hope Miller, Boise, First; Richard Osburn, Forest Grove; Gary Peterson, Smyrna; Joy Miller, Wilsonville; Charles Ross, Parkrose; Elizabeth Stamp, Eugene; Cathy Thomas, The Dalles; Margery Thomas, Salem, First.

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CAMP ADAMS MANAGER APPOINTED

Mr. Harold Adkins comes to Camp Adams as the newly appointed Manager from Boise, Idaho. Most recently he has been supervisor of maintenance work for Garden City, Idaho, a suburb of Boise. His earlier experience includes a period of service as a construction foreman in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Harold and Judy Adkins have moved into Harding Cottage with their three children - Wyatt, Brian and Lori. All have been active in First Church, Boise.

The Adkins family succeed George and Betty Nelson and their son Ken, who have provided excellent management and maintenance service at Camp Adams for the past three years.

Major repairs and improvements were completed during the time the Nelsons worked at the Camp, and the entire Conference and all users of the campsites are indebted to them for their contribution. They have moved to their home in West Linn, Oregon.

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Paul Kreuzenstein Born: August 11, 1933 at Booneville, Mo. Died: Near Bethel, Alaska in an airplane crash.

His mother, wife and four children reside at Anchorage, Alaska.

"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live." John 11:25



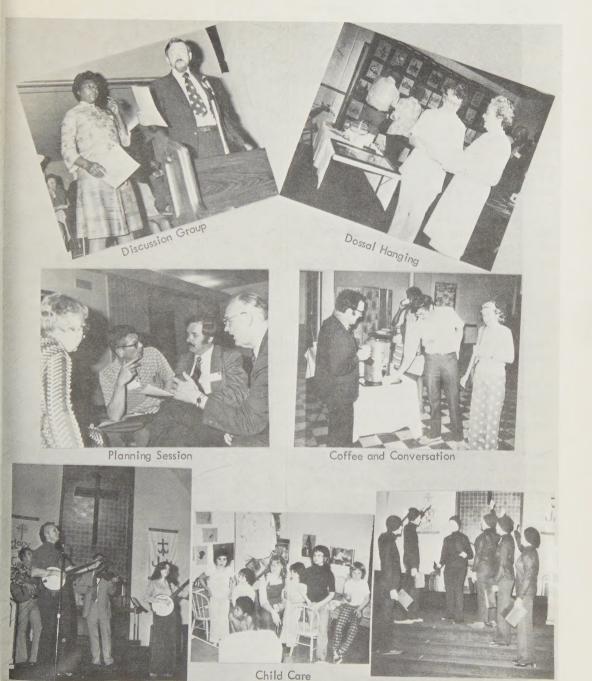
Present and Past Moderators



Conference Church Map



William Mensendiek from Japan



Bluegrass Band "Christ in the Concrete City"

The Local Scene

Rev. Frederick R. Strasburg, St. Paul, Minn., has been called to the pastorate at Medford. He was the associate pastor at First Church, Berkeley, California, before going to St. Paul.

Congratulations to Pat Ross. She won a position on the school board of Beaverton, Oregon, in a recent election. Pat has been Chairperson of the Conference Church and Ministry Department for the past several years.

A new look greeted the worshippers on Sunday, April 4, at Waverly Heights Church, Portland. On the previous day twenty-three volunteers gave the entire interior of the church two coats of paint.

A new Rodgers Organ was dedicated at Lincoln City recently. The initial gift, which made the beautiful addition possible, was received through a legacy. Other memorial gifts were added to complete the project.

A successful refurbishing project is reported at Ingle Chapel. The church school rooms were completely renovated. The parish paper reports: "It's just beautiful!"

The congregation at Rivercrest Church, Portland, completed payment of all remaining obligations on the new church building in record time. The building was dedicated three years ago.

Commissioner Charles Jordan was the speaker at the April 4 Anniversary Program at St. Andrew's, Portland.

Professor Miles Shishido has agreed to serve a two months interim at Boise, First during the summer sabbatical of Rev. Theodore Edquist.

The church at American Falls, Idaho, is planning ground breaking for a new edifice to be built this year.

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June 19 - - CONFERENCE BOARD MEETING.

June 29 - WOMEN'S DAY at Camp Adams.



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